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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid or its complement includes less ~~that~~ than 200 contiguous nucleotides, ~~preferable~~ preferably less than 150 contiguous nucleotides, more preferably less than 100 contiguous nucleotides of the subject sequence.